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SUBJ: TOGOLESE MEDIATION EFFORTS OF DISPUTE BETWEEN

LIBYA AND EGYPT

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1. ACCORDING TO TOGOLESE SOURCES, MEDIATION EFFORT IS LIBYAN INITIATIVE FIRST PROPOSED TO EYADEMA DURING QADHAFI VISIT HERE IN JANUARY. PRESIDENT EYADEMA, DURING HIS BACK-TO-BACK VISITS TO EGYPT AND LIBYA IN JUNE 1977, OFFERED SERVICES AS MEDIATOR TO SADAT WITHOUT DISCLOSING LIBYAN ORIGIN OF IDEA. SUBJECT WAS AGAIN BROUGHT UP IN CORRIDORS OF LIBREVILLE OAU CONFERENCE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING OF EGYPTIAN AND LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN LOME FINALIZED. BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS APPEARED TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO LISTEN TOPROPOSALS FROM OTHER SIDE AND NOT TO SIGN ANYTHING.

2. TO AVOID STAND-OFF, TOGOLESE PROPOSED DRAFT AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN BILATERAL RELATIONS CONTAINED IN SUBSTANCE IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JULY 8 (REFTEL A). BOTH LIBYAN AND EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS
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AGREED ONLY TO REFER TO DRAFT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. ALTHOUGH EGYPTIANS AND LIBYANS SIGNED COMMUNIQUE AT TOGOLESE INSISTENCE, RIAD IS CORRECT IN DENYING THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED (REFTEL C).

3. PRIVATELY, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR ECHOES SADAT'S POSITION THAT NOTHING WILL COME OF TOGOLESE INITIATIVE

SINCE BASIC PROBLEM IS QADHAFI'S INCORRIGIBLE MEDDLING
IN OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS (REFTEL B).

4. TOGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER KODJO IS PRESENTLY PLANNING
A FOLLOW-UP TRIP NEXT WEEK TO CAIRO AND TRIPOLI TO
ATTEMPT TO GET BOTH COUNTRIES TO SIGN TOGOLESE DRAFT
AGREEMENT, BUT IS CONCERNED THAT LIBYAN-CHADIAN DISPUTE
MIGHT BECOME OBSTACLE.

5. COMMENT: MEDIATION ATTEMPT IS NOT REGARDED BY
EGYPTIANS AS SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AND
HAS GOTTEN OFF GROUND ONLY OF OF DEFERENCE TO EYADEMA
AND DESIRE OF EGYPT NOT TO GIVE OFFENSE. TOGO, HOWEVER,
STANDS TO GAIN PRESTIGE AS MEDIATOR IF EFFORTS LEAD TO A SIGNED
ACCORD, NO MATTER HOW HOLLOW SUCH ACCORD MAY BE. THIS
IS IN LINE WITH TOGO'S SELF-IMAGE AS CONSTRUCTIVE FORCE IN
OAU WITH GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL CAMPS. PALMER

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